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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SB1876
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AN ACT relative to the election of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Ripley and to amend Chapter 223 of the Acts of 1901, being the charter of the City of Ripley.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Beginning with the April 1996 election of the board of mayor and aldermen, there shall be three (3) municipal voting wards comprised as follows:

Ward A

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the current corporate limits of the City of Ripley and Webb Street; thence, in a westerly direction along the centerline of Webb Street to its intersection with Chicksaw Street; thence, in a southerly direction along the centerline of Chicksaw Street to its intersection with Lafayette Avenue; thence, in a southerly direction along the centerline of Lafayette Avenue to its intersection with Jackson Street; thence, in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Jackson Street to its intersection with Franklin Street; thence, in a southerly, thence westerly direction along the centerline of Franklin Street to its intersection with Main Street; thence, in a northerly direction along the centerline of Main Street to its intersection with Washington Street; thence, in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Washington Street to its intersection with Kellar Road, thence, in a southwesterly

direction along the centerline of Kellar Road to its intersection with U.S. Highway 51; thence, in a westerly direction crossing U.S. Highway 51 to the current Ripley corporate limits; thence, in a generally northerly, then southerly direction along the current Ripley corporate limits to the point of beginning.

Ward B

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of Main Street and Washington Street; thence, in a southerly direction along the centerline of Main Street to its intersection with State Route 19; thence, in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of State Route 19 (Highland Street) to its intersection with Watkins Street; thence, in a generally westerly direction along the centerline of Watkins Street to its intersection with Spiller Lane; thence, in a southeasterly direction along the centerline of Spiller Lane to its intersection with Osborne Avenue; thence, in a southwesterly direction along the centerline of Osborne Avenue to its intersection with Watkins Street; thence, in a westerly direction along the centerline of Watkins Street to its intersection with the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad tracks; thence, in a southerly direction along the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad tracks to its intersection with the current Ripley corporate limits; thence, in a generally westerly, thence northerly direction along the current Ripley corporate limits to its intersection with Nelson Lake; thence, in an easterly direction, crossing U.S. Highway 51, to the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Kellar Road; thence, in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Kellar Road to its intersection with Washington Street; thence, in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Washington Street to the point of beginning.

Ward C

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the current Ripley corporate limits and Webb Street; thence, in a generally southeasterly, then westerly direction

along the current Ripley corporate limits to its intersection with the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad tracks; thence, in a northeasterly direction along the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad tracks to its intersection with Watkins Street; thence, in a easterly direction along the centerline of Watkins Street to its intersection with Osborne Avenue; thence, in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Osborne Avenue to its intersection with Spiller Lane; thence, in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Spiller Lane to its intersection with Watkins Street; thence, in a generally easterly direction along the centerline of Watkins Street to its intersection with Highland Street; thence, in a northwesterly direction along the centerline of Highland Street (State Route 19) to its intersection with Main Street; thence, in a northerly direction along the centerline of Main Street to the intersection with Franklin Street; thence, in an easterly, then northerly direction along the centerline of Franklin Street to its intersection with Jackson Street; thence, in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Jackson Street to its intersection with Lafayette Avenue; thence, in a northerly direction along the centerline of Lafayette Avenue to its intersection with Chicksaw Street; thence, in a northeasterly direction along the centerline of Chicksaw Street to its intersection with Webb Street; thence, in an easterly direction along the centerline of Webb Street to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. Chapter 223 of the Acts of 1901, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

That the legislative body shall consist of a Board of seven Aldermen, one of whom shall be elected and known as Mayor, who shall be elected at-large by a direct vote of the people and also be a citizen of, and voter in said corporation. Two Aldermen shall be elected from each of the three wards, with candidates designating "Seat A" or "Seat B" within each ward as the position they intend to seek. The Aldermen must reside in the ward from which they seek election. The Mayor and six Aldermen shall be freeholders, and, as the legislative body of the town, shall be known as the Mayor and

Aldermen of Ripley. A removal by the Mayor beyond the corporate limits or an Alderman from the ward will create a vacancy in his office.

SECTION 3. Chapter 223 of the Acts of 1901, as amended, is further amended by deleting the first sentence in Section 6 and substituting instead the following:

That the person receiving the highest number of votes for Mayor shall be declared Mayor of said corporation, and shall also be one of the Aldermen. The persons receiving the highest number of votes for Seat A and Seat B, respectively, from each of the three voting wards shall be declared elected aldermen. It shall be the duty of the officer holding said election to make out and deliver within three days, to the Mayor and Aldermen-elect, each, a certificate of their election.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the City of Ripley. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Ripley and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 4.

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